

"It is indeed an honor and a privilege to stand before you to second the nomination of my colleague William Wainwright to be the Speaker Pro Tempore of this august Body, the North Carolina House. He refers to it that way quite often as we are about our district together and I want you to know that he really does honor and value each and every one of you as Members of this House. When I did this two years ago, I spent most of my time enumerating his leadership skills, his abilities, and his style. In the past two years, Representative Wainwright clearly has proved that he was the right choice. I could not ask for a better person to serve the constituents in my district with. We have been so blessed to have served under his leadership and his guidance. He has proven that he is the man for the job. So, please join me in casting your vote for William Wainwright for Speaker Pro Tempore.

"Thank you."

The nomination is also seconded by Representative Luebke.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members, Staff, Public:

"It is a privilege to second the nomination for my friend and colleague, Representative William Wainwright.

"We came together in 1991 to this Chamber, about 18 years ago. We have served together ever since. I can assure you he knows this institution well. In the interest of brevity, I want to just instill a few of Representative Wainwright's many qualities.

"I would say to you first, that he is a man of just principle. He's a man of great determination. He is a man of passion. Having said that you may seem to think that he's a fierce man, but I would correct that and say he's many other things as well.

"He's first of all a man of fairness. He is warm-hearted. He is outgoing. He is an excellent colleague to all of us and a leader for all of us. He has served us well during 2007-2008 and I would ask you to join me in voting for Representative William Wainwright as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House.

"Thank you."

The Chair recognizes Representative Moore who places in nomination the name of Representative Folwell as the Republican nominee for Speaker Pro Tempore.

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